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# The Charleston News.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1872.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

-It is stated that Bismarck is recovering

from his serious illness. It is stated that Boutwell is to succeed Somner in the Senate.

William Anderson, allas Cohen, the 8arannah bank forger, escaped from an officer in that city, on Saturday, while being taken to The Empress Engenie held a fete at Chis

elhurst on Friday. Many visitors were present from Paris. A number of regiments stationed at Versailles sent bor que's. Mr. James A. Broude announces that the

proceeds belonging to him of his whole course of lectures in Boston will be given to the suffereraby the fire. -Hon E. B. Washbarne, now United States

minister to France, is to be a candida a tor United States senator from Illinois, in place of Senator Trumbull. Four hundred miles of narrow gauge rall-

ways are to be built in California, and a company with seven millions of capital has been organized to do it. The friends of Woodbull and Claffin met

in New York on Friday night to raise \$39,000. which it was alleged would secure their liberation After brilliant speeches the hat was passed. Result, nine dollars and fifty cents. A committee was appointed to procure further

-A Washington telegram to the New York Herald says: "It is probable that Judge Settle, of North Carolina, will succeed Justice Nelson eme Court, who is about to retire on scoons of old age. The South has had no sentative on the Supreme Bench since the death of Justice Wayne, who was from

Georgia, .ooman o -New Norkers can't make out what A. T. Stewart means to do with his new city at Hempsicad Plains, L. I. A hundred elegant honses, costing \$15,000 or more spiece, are gologrup, boulevards are being laid out and railroads planued, but to every one who wants to make a purchase Stewart returns the invariable reply, "I have nothing to sell." Apropos of this, rumor says that his great building in New York, now nearly completed, which was to be a home for sewing girls, is in fact going to be a mammoth hotel.

-A large number of the wealthy citizens o Philadelphia assembled on Tuesday at the Continental Hotel'in that city, in pursuance of a private call. A subscription was opened for a feetimonial to be given to Mrs. General Meade, the deceased having left no property. Thirty-thousand dollars were raised, and it is proposed to increase that amount to one hunand dollars. In furtherance of this object it is announced that there will be a memorial meeting held at the Academy of Music of Philadelphia on Monday next.

-One of the most important questions likely to come before the British Parliament at its next session is that of Irish education. The overthrow of the Established Irish Church was simply the beginning of the work of levelling; and now it is proposed to throw open Dablin University, secularize the college funds, and develop the system of non-resident membership so as to bring a considerable Roman Catholic element into the governing body. It is probable that all exclusive privilgen still enjoyed by members of the State Church will within a brief period be abolished.

-While slarm is felt in England, France and Germany lest there should be a failure of fuel through the exhaustion of the coal beds of Europe, a similar fear begins to prevail in Bossia, which depends almost wholly upon wood. The rapidity with which the forests are being cleared in some of the provinces threatens a severe and not very distant scarcity of the indispensable material. Some of the papers propose to substitute coal for wood in the production of steam, and blame the railways for using the former when they might employ

a mineral combustible. Washington telegram of Friday says: "There seems to be a determined speculative interest which is bent on forcing the Secretary of the Treasury to increase the volume of currency. Yesterday appeals were made to him as well as to the President to buy two and a half multions instead of one million of bonds, but when absolute refusal was made and it became evident that nothing would be done now to help Wall street except in case of actual panic, the entire stock market declined. The secretary has been again appealed to to day to come forward with some measure of refler by purch sing more bonds or putting out additional currency in some other way, but has continued a deaf ear to these entreaties, believing that they are made in a speculative interest only, and not from any

real apprehension of a panic." -San Francisco has been interested in a strange-insurance case. A laborer decided to insure his lite for three thousand dollars, and went to the local agency of a New York company and took the necessary steps. The agents forwarded the papers to New York for a policy, and in a day or two after the papers had been sent the man was murdered. The legislative ticket were properly elected. agents then telegraphed to New York and pre- With the exception of the candidates for vented the issue of the policy. The widow sued for the amount of the intended insurance, and the jury was unable to agree. It is apparent that the law was on the side of the company, however much sympathy may have been on the side of the widow. One moral can be deduced from this curious case, and that is that home institutions should be patronized. Had this unfortunate San Franciscan been insured in a local company, he would have received his policy in time to be murdered.

-A terrible incident of the Boston fire took place at the furnishing store of Hickman, on Washington street, where the wals had been wrapt in a deadly embrace by the flames, and had become week and tottering through the intense heat. At leugth they fell, and three men were buried up to the shoulders among the sheriff's own particular casement.

the heavy fragments of brick and stone. The terrible physical agony of their cries of anguish which they suffered filled the frightened crowd with horror, but at first no one advanced to their succor. Alter a few moments two or three men crossed the street to where a portion of the wall was still overhanging the spotwhere the poor victims were begging and shricking for help, and tried by the utmost exertion of main strength to pull and wrench them out of the horrible vise, but these efforts only made greater their sufferings, and the bricks and debris were still falling at every moment. The men relinquished the perilous and fruitless risk and retreated from the dangerous spot, and shortly afterwards, in frightful paroxyisms of pain and with cries, that will ring in the ears of many of the spectators to their dying day, the crushed masses of humanity gave up the breath of life, ann vere a moment afterwards buried by another crashing fall of the wall. It is known that thirty lives have been

Ir will be seen by the official announcement, printed in another column, that THE CHARLESTON DAILY NEWS "is designated as the newspaper for the publication of all legal notices, and official advertisements, for the County of Charleston, under the act of February 22d, 1870, entitled an act to regulate the publication of all legal and public notices."

All a Muddle.

This tax question is terribly muddled. Incoming officials and out-going officials engage in inky war. Petitioners and respondents keep up a cross fire of affidavits, and injunctions are as plentiful as blackberries in June.

As foreshadowed in our Columbia tele grams several days ago, Comptroller-Neagle has issued instructions to the county auditors to levy a tax of six mills to meet appropriations for the year beginning November 1, 1871, two mills for the support of the public schools, and four mills to pay interest on the public debt. This, with three mills county tax, making an aggregate State and county tax of fifteen mills. This, as already explained, was hardly as bad as was anticipated. When ten mills ought to be enough, and twentysix mills are proposed, a tax of fifteen mills is a pretty good compromise. Now, however, Secretary of State Cardozo, the Treasurer elect, appears on the scene, and obtains from Judge Melton a temporary injunction restraining the State and county treasurers from using any part of the forthcoming tax for any purpose whatsoever, except the payment of the appropriations made in the general appropriation bill passed last session. This forbids the payment of the pay-certificates, and of the huge mass of other claims against the State which speculators have bought up, at a heavy discount, with the hope that their friends in the capital would so fix things as to give them their money in full before any spasms of reform barred the treasury doors. They are disappointed, and if, as is hoped will be the case, the injunction be made permanent, a host of ill-gotten obligations will be reduced in value to the price of waste paper at a junkshop. Secretary Cardozo appears to have acted with firmness and discretion. His explanation of his trip to New York, in company with the Great Seal of the State, has not been satisfactorily explained, but against this may be set his intrepidity in refusing to seal batches of conversion bonds to be used in bolstering up "the credit of the "State." And his last act is his best. The people loathe the very name of pay certificates, and they will not be sparing in their thanks, if the treasurer elect, the most highly educated colored man in the State. should prove his practical devotion to the welfare of the place of his birth by folling

which lie on the surface. Judge Melton, the Attorney-General elect, granted the temporary injunction applied for upon hearing the argument of the petitioner, and requires that cause be shown. on the 21st instant, why the injunction should not be made permanent. What the final decision of the court will be no one can know in advance. But we have full confidence that it will express the disinterested and deliberate convictions of the court. Judge Melton has proved himself to be an able lawver and an upright judge; and it is not doubted that when he assumes the duties of Attorney-General he will continue to be a vigilant guardian of the interests of the public. There is plenty of important work to do, and THE NEWS believes that Judge

the "shavers" and claim-jobbers, and giving

the people the certainty that no claim is

paid except for services honestly rendered.

by authority of law, at a fair rice. It is a

good beginning, and we have no right to

cast about for other motives than those

Melton is just the man to do it. -The Columbia conservative papers advise the people, in view of the pending litigation and the subtlety of the outgoing officials, to withhold the payment of taxes until the 1st of January, which can be done without incurring any penalty. It is to be hoped that the action of the courts will make it unnecessary to consider seriously this proposition. Unless the taxes are paid with reasonable promptitude, money will be borrowed, at exorbitant rates, to meet the current expenses of the Government, and the commissions and interest, as high as the State credit is low, must come, at last, out of the pockets of the people. Soon or late, the people pay the piper.

The State Board of Canvassers have thrown out the protest of the Mackeyites, and decided that Bowen and the Bolting County Commissioners and for Clerk of Court, the whole of the Bowen county nomi nees go into office. For this result the Conservative voters, by their action, or by their non-action, have made themselves responsible. They could easily have beaten Bowen, and the only rational explanation of their failure to do so is that they believe that Bowen will make as good a sheriff as Mackey, if not a better one. THE NEWS hopes that they may have no cause to change their opinion. .

The new sheriff might begin his official career very satisfactorily by clearing away the crowd of idle negroes who are wont to lounge around the Courthouse corner, under The Last Tax Sensation.

.The Columbia correspondent of THE NEWS telegraphs that it was rumored in Columbia on Saturday that an application would be made, within a day or two, for an injunction restraining the Comptroller-General from making the proposed tax levy of fifteen mills on the dollar. The gist of the objec tion appears to be that the joint resolution. under which the levy is to be made, is improperly worded, and that the Comptroller-General has no authority to levy any tax for the payment of the interest on the public debt. The alleged error in the joint resolution in question is, that the tax is made to meet appropriations for the fiscal year "commencing November 1, 1871;" while it should have been made for the year "com-"mencing November 1, 1872," a tax for the first-named period having already been levied and collected. Our corresponden thinks that the blunder can be discovered at the first glance, but this is not so certain. The general tax levies made in this State

since the beginning of reconstruction, are as follows: 1. The order of Major-General Canby, date December 3, 1867, levying taxes "to provide for the support of the Provisional Govern ment of South Carolina for the year com mencing on the first day of October, 1867 and ending on the thirtleth day of Septem

"ber, 1868." 2. The Joint Besolution of December 2 1869, levying a State tax of one-half of one pe cent. "to meet appropriations for the fisca "year 1869." This tax was due and payable A. A. September 17, 1868,) before the first.

March, 1870. 3. The Joint Resolution of December 23 1870, levying a State tax of 9 mills "to meet "appropriations for the fiscal year 1870" This tax was due and payable (A. A. September 17, 1868,) before the first of March, 1871.

4. The Joint Resolution of March 7, 1871. levying a State tax of 7 mills "to meet appropriations for the fiscal year 1871." This tax was due and payable (A. A. March 8 1871.) before the fitteenth of January, 1872. 5. The Joint Resolution of March 13, 1872, levying a State tax of 6 mills (exclusive of school tax, and the tax for interest on the debt) "to meet appropriations for the fisca 'year commencing November 1, 1871." This tax (A. A. March 8, 1871,) falls due before January 15, 1873.

If there be any other levies than these, we do not know where to find any record of them. The first levy on the list is for the year ending September 30, 1868. The reconstruction constitution provided that the fiscal year should begin on the 1st of November instead of the 1st of October. The new or reconstruction Legislature borrowed money right and left, but appear to have made no tax levy until December 22, 1869, which levy was for the fiscal year 1869. Levies for the succeeding years were regularly made, the last being for the fiscal year "commencing November 1, 1871, which date, it is claimed, should be Novem ber 1, 1872. This view, however, is not confirmed by a careful examination of the facts. General Canby's tax year ended September 30, 1868. The first legislative tax levy was for "the fiscal year 1869." Now, unless the Legislature deliberately in tended to remit all taxes for one year, tha levy was for the fiscal year beginning No vember 1, 1868, and ending October 31 1869. Upon this hypothesis the phraseology of the joint resolution is strictly correct. That of December 23, 1870, was for the fiscal year 1870, L e. from November 1 1869, to October 31, 1870. That of March 7, 1871, was for "the fiscal year 1871," i. e. from November 1, 1870, to October 31, 1871 That of March 13, 1872, is, in its own words, "for the fiscal year commencing No "vember 1, 1871." This makes the chain complete. In no other way can the several levies be explained.

The question whether the Comptroller has authority to levy a tax for the payment of the interest on the public debt is not so quickly settled. A judicial decision only can determine that. But if any set of citizens can demonstrate that the State tax paid last January (J. R. March 7, 1871,) was for the year ending October 31, 1872, instead of for the year ending October 31, 1871, the taxpayers will be profoundly grateful. They have no objection to make to any proceeding which proves that they are a year shead of time in the matter of paying taxes.

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DEAR SIR—Another terrible confiagration has risited one of our leading cities—the business por tion of Boston is in ashes. In this crisis we are called upon to communicate to you, and through you to our patrons, the financial condition of this The records of our Boston Agency have been

most carefully examined by an officer of the Company, and we find the number of Policies in force on property in the burnt district to be 220. noderate estimate for salvages will reduce the amount of our actual loss to \$1,500,000, or less. The net assets of the Company on the 1st inst. mounted to \$5,050,000. Thus, after providing for all its liabilities, including losses at Boston the Company is possessed of assets of over \$3,

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